Junk and Trash



Junk and trash are not allowed to accumulate in yards. Trash must be stored in barrels with lids behind the front building line and shall not be placed at the curb more than 24 hours in advance of the collection date.

Property Maintenance



The City's housing code requires that all dwelling foundations, exterior walls, roofs, chimneys, porches, stairs and any accessory structures such as fences and sheds be kept in good repair and maintained in a safe condition. Yards shall be dept free from junk, trash and overgrown vegetation.

Wetlands and Wetland Buffers



The City of Nashua has wetland, as well as wetland buffer, protection ordinances. These were enacted to protect water quality and wildlife habitat. A landowner owning land abutting a stream, river, or wetland has certain responsibilities under these ordinances. These include, but are not limited to, prohibitions on digging, filling, mowing, cutting trees, building structures, disposing of yard wastes and/or use of fertilizers in or near wetlands. Questions or concerns should be directed to either the



Want additional information?

Local Land Use Regulations
Nashua Planning and Zoning Department
(603)589-3090

Building Codes
Nashua Building Department
(603) 589-3080

Wetlands and Wetland Buffers Nashua Conservation Commission (603) 589-3090

To Report Land Use Violations Nashua Code Enforcement (603) 589-3100

(Above offices located in:

Community Development Division
City Hall, 229 Main Street
Commission. PO Box 2019
Nashua, New Hampshire 03061-2019
www.gonashua.com

Wetlands and NH Regulations
Department of Environmental Services
Water Division, Wetlands Bureau 6 Hazen
Drive, PO Box 95 Concord, New
Hampshire 03302-0095 (603) 271-2147
www.des.state.nh.us

Residential Land Use and Building Restrictions¹



in Nashua NH

Nashua enforces many land use (zoning) and building and housing ordinances that pertain specifically to residential areas.

The purpose of these regulations is to not only protect public health, safety and the environment, but also to protect property values. The most common regulations on the maintenance use of residential properties are described in this brochure.

¹ This brochure is a general guide and is not all-inclusive. For more information please refer to the Nashua Revised Ordinances or contact the Nashua Zoning Department.

Signs





Signs are generally not allowed anywhere in the City without a permit. However, certain types of signs are allowed and do not require a permit. These signs must not be placed in the public way, on public property, or in such a location as to cause a safety hazard. (Please consult the City Zoning Ordinances regarding size restrictions).

Real Estate Signs On-site real state signs are allowed but must be removed within 30 days after the sale, rental or lease of the property that is being advertised. Off-site real estate signs must be removed within 15 days.

Contractor Signs Temporary contractor signs may he posted *during active on-site work* such as construction, landscaping, etc.

Charitable and Public Service Signs May be placed a maximum of 30 days preceding the event and must be removed within 7 days after the event. These signs must also be registered with the City's Zoning Administrator.

New Business On-site temporary signs advertising the opening of a new business.

Minor Home Occupations



Minor home occupations are allowed. However, a permit is required from the Zoning Department. Several conditions must be met before a permit will be issued. These conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Nonresidents may not be employed on the premises;
- The business shall he carried on entirely within the principal building;
- There shall be no exterior storage or display related to the home occupation;
- There shall be no advertising other than a single unlit sign which shall not exceed 2 square feet and may only display the occupant's name and address; and
- Not more than one commercial vehicle may be stored on the premises.

Unregistered Motor Vehicles



Only 1 unregistered and/or uninspected vehicle may be located on a lot. Any other unregistered vehicles must be stored in a garage or other accessory building and may not exceed 4 in number.

Commercial Vehicles



Only 1 commercial vehicles per dwelling unit is allowed when operating an in-home occupation and the total length of that vehicle must not exceed 25 feet

Auto Sales



Residents are free to sell their own personal cars that are registered to them from their residence. However, they may not sell cars that belong to others from their property.

Construction





New construction, replacement of existing structures, renovations as well as installation of pools, decks and sheds require a building permit *before* the work begins, New fences, 6 feet or less in height, do not require a permit. If the new fence is to be located in a wetland or wetland buffer, it may need special review. Fences must not be installed in a manner that creates a safety hazard.